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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE ON SECRETARY BUTZ VISIT TO BULGARIA

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FETARY BUTZ AND GOBNOVN KRUSTEV HAVE

APPROVED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

BEGIN RELEASE: THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, THE HONORABLE EARL L. BUTZ, WAS ON AN OFFICIAL
VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA ON APRIL 26-27.
SECRETARY BUTZ WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. BUTZ AND RESPONSIBLE
OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

DURING HIS STAY IN BULGARIA SECRETARY BUTZ WAS
RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMANICF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, TODOR ZHIVKOV.

SECRETARY BUTZ AND THE OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING
HIM HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD INDUSTRY, GANCHO KRUSTEV, AND THE MINISTER OF

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FOREIGN TRADE, IVAN NEDEV, AS WELL AS WITH OFFICIALS OF

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. TAKING PART IN THE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WERE THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BULGARIA, HARVEY J. FELDMAN, AND THE AMBASSADOR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA TO THE UNITED STATES, LYUZVMML POPOV.

SECRETARY BUTZ SHOWED INTEREST IN THE ORGANIZATION OF AGRICULTURE IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH THE WORK OF THE AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX AT THE VILLAGE BPERVENETS, PLOVDIV PRMIINCE. THE SPECIALISTS ACCOMPANYING THE SECRETARY VISITED THE INSTITUTE OF SOIL SCIENCES "NCCOGA HIFXUDRMKPZ,IN SOFIA AND BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH ITS WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS.

CONSIDERED IN THE DISCUSSIONS WERE QUESTIONS AND POSSIBILITIES RELATED TO THE EXPANSION SOFBP ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TRUFDGLAT PCB BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE.

IOVWAS REED THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE THROUGH VISITS OF SCIENTISTS, FARM SPECIALISTS AND WORKERS, CONTACTS BETWEEN REEYARCH OR JSHW CNFXLC EXCHANGES OF SEEDING AND PLANTING MATERIAL, AND DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT PRODUCTION AND TRADE IN FARM PRODUCTS, MACHINERY, TECHNOLOGY, ETC. THE TWO SIDES ARE OF THE OPINION THAT FAVORABLE CONDITIONS EXIST FOR FURTHER EXPANSION OF MUTUALLY ZQZICIAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE.

IT WAS AGREED THAT A TEAM OF BULGARIAN AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS WILL VISIT THE UNITED STATES LATER THIS YEAR, TO DISCUSS THE NATURE OF AND SZVA AFIC AREAS FOR FUTURE AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THE TWO SIDES POINTED OUT THAT THE FURTHER PROMOTION OF RELATIONS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, ALONG WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS IN OTHER FIELDS, IS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND COOPERATION IN
THE WORLD AND THE FURTHER EASING OF TENSION IN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

SECRETARY BUTZ INVITED MINISTER KRUSTEV TO VISIT
THE UNITED STATES. MR. KRUSTEV ACCEPTED THE INVITATION
WITH PLEASURE. THE VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE AT A
MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME TO BE DECIDED.

THE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN A
FRANK, FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE.

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NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS: U.S. SECRETARY OF
AGRICULTURE EARL L. BUTZ, WHO WAS ON AN OFFICIAL
VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, LEFT
SOFIA AT 3:30 P.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 27. AT SOFIA
AIRPORT HE WAS SEEN OFF BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD INDUSTRY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA,
MR. GANCHO KRUSTEV, AND OTHER BULGARIAN OFFICIALS,
AS WELL AS BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE UNITED
STATES EMBASSY IN BULGARIA, HARVEY J. FELDMAN, AND
THE AMBASSADOR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
TO THE UNITED STATES, LYUBOMIR POPOV. END RELEASE.
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